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Abstract: **Helen DeRegil**

Helen DeRegil's family moved to Sugar Land around 1919. Her father was a farmer on Stiles lane. When he started working for Imperial Sugar they moved into a garage apartment of the Eldridge Home on Lakeview Street. She remembers riding a horse to Sugar Land School. In this interview she briefly talks about the racial division in the town. When Helen was older she and her mother both worked in the packing department at Imperial Sugar. She shares memories of the loss of her brother in World War II.

Interview Summary

People

Ms Elsie (sister)

Mr. Alvin (brother)

Mr. Gilbert (brother)

Mrs. Manning (school principal, math teacher)

Mrs. Gandy (nurse in WW II)

Mr. Bob Shepherd (rented house)

Mr. Joseph Solomon (husband)

Doctor Carlos Slaughter

Places / Businesses

Stilies Lane, Sugar Land, Texas

Sugar Land Refining Co.

National American Insurance Company

Galveston, Texas

Lyford, Texas, Raymondville, Corpus Christi, Conroe

Stafford, Texas

First Colony, Texas

WKM located in Missouri City, Texas

Events

Worked in packing plant with mother

Riding a horse to school

When the Imperial Sugar Company took the drugstore and beauty shop away from us

Double pneumonia in fifth grade